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In re Application

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CRITICAL DIMENSION GROWTH
CONTAINMENT

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby request continued examination of the above-identified utility patent application. The subject patent application was filed on or after June 8, 1995 and this paper is being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) Payment of the issue fee, unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.313 is granted; (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. 141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 145 or 146, unless the appeal or civil action is terminated. 37 C.F.R. §1.114(a).

Transmitted with this communication are the following:

An Amendment or Response.

A Petition for an Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136.

An Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

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A Request for Suspension of Action Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.103.

Other: _____

Previously submitted are the following:

Consider the Amendment(s)/Response under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on September 7, 2004.

Other: _____

Small Entity Statement

Applicant(s) qualify for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

The fee associated with this communication has been calculated as shown below:

A fee of \$395.00 is due pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) for the filing of this Request for Continued Examination.

A fee for extension of time for response under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 filed within 2 month(s) after the original time for response of \$215.00 is due.

A fee of \$130.00 is due under to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h) for filing a Request for Suspension of Action *for cause*. [37 C.F.R. §1.103(a)]

Applicant(s) respectfully request a refund of this fee because, as more fully set forth in the Request for Suspension of Action, Applicant(s) submit that the cause of the suspension is the fault of the Patent and Trademark Office.

A fee of \$130.00 is due under to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) for filing a Request for Suspension of Action *not for cause*. [37 C.F.R. §1.103(c)]

A fee for addition of claims under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 is due as follows:

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Respectfully submitted,

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